

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 10, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. IVERSON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 324.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of R. W. Clarke, report:

Mr. Clarke was employed in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions as an assistant messenger, at a compensation of \$500 per annum. After the passage of the bounty land law of September, 1850, the duties of the office were so much increased that it became necessary, as it is alleged, to call on the petitioner to devote a portion of his time to the performance of the duties of a clerk. He commenced the performance of these extra duties January 1, 1851. In November of that year, the Commissioner of Pensions, on the suggestion of his chief clerk, represented to the Secretary of the Interior that the claimant was performing, in part, the duties of a clerk, in addition to his proper duties, and recommended that compensation, at the rate of \$300 per annum, should be allowed therefor.

The Secretary approved of the suggestion, and the additional pay was allowed, from October 1, 1851. The present application is for the extra pay between January 1, when the service commenced, to October 1, when the pay was made to commence. As the service from January 1 is certified by the then chief clerk, and was necessary, and was subsequently so recognized by the Secretary, the committee think it just that the amount claimed should be allowed, and they report a bill accordingly.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 10, 1852.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. Lusk made the following

REPORT

(To accompany Bill N. 241.)

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of A. D. Clark, report:

Mr. Clark was employed in the office of the Commissioner of Patents as an assistant messenger at a compensation of \$500 per annum. After the passage of the Patent Law of September 17th, 1850, the duties of his office were so much increased that it became necessary for him to call on the postmaster to deliver a portion of his time to the performance of the duties of a clerk. He commenced the performance of these extra duties January 1, 1851. In November of that year the Commissioner of Patents on the suggestion of his chief clerk, recommended to the Secretary of the Interior that the extra duty performed by him should be paid at the rate of his regular duties and recommended that compensation at the rate of \$500 per annum should be allowed thereon.

The Secretary agreed to the suggestion and the additional pay was allowed from October 1, 1851. The present application is for the extra pay between January 1, when the service commenced, to October 1, when the pay was made to commence. As the service from January 1 is certified by the then chief clerk, and was necessary, and was suggested by the Secretary, the committee think it not that the amount claimed should be allowed, and they report accordingly.